

Summer 2010

# Visual Arts

# Summer Learning

# Packet

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### Introduction

These take home activities are designed to support students' learning of the standards throughout the summer in the same way that they engage in them during the school year. The standards-based activities described below do require a few specific materials that should be readily available. If not, feel free to substitute anything else that works for you and your child. Use your imagination and add your personal perspective to the artistic activities. You may see connections in mathematics or science. Explore how art and math are similar. Enjoy your exploration and adventure!

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### Shaping Your World: *How to Make a Sketchbook*

Artists like to keep their ideas, sketches, and drawings in a sketchbook. Your child can make sketches about thoughts, images (pictures), and many types of subjects. Art can be about animals, people, places, and things such as lines, shapes, forms, and colors. Creating a sketchbook will help children to see, plan, and think like an artist. Activity 1 below helps guide you and your child through creating a sketchbook. In Activity 2, your child can use the sketchbook to record his or her drawings.

**Activity 1:** Making a sketchbook is easy to do. Having your own sketchbook will be great for drawing and keeping your ideas during the summer and at school.

Step 1: Fold eight (8) sheets of drawing or regular (8 ½ x 11) printer paper in half. Staple on the fold. You can also use a hole-punch and make at least 3 holes—one at the top, one in the middle and one at the bottom. Use yarn, ribbon or string and tie around each hole.

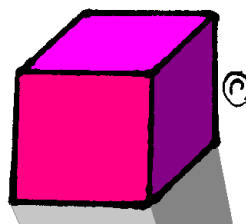
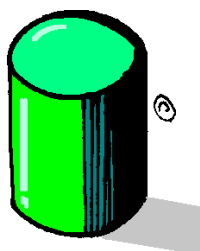
Step 2: For the cover of the book, create a silhouette (outline of your head) of your profile (the side of your face).

- Aim a lamp's light onto a blank wall.
- Tape a piece of paper on the wall where the light shines.
- Cast the shadow of your face to be about the size of your book. Stand between the lamp and the paper on the wall. You will see your head as a shadow.
- Turn to the side and ask your parent or a friend to draw around your silhouette (outline of the side of your face or profile).
- Cut out your silhouette. Draw around it on colored construction or fadeless paper in a color. Cut out your drawing.
- Glue your silhouette onto your book cover.
- Decorate it to look like you. You can use yarn for your hair. You can use crayons and markers to draw your facial features. If you add heavy paper for the cover (You can staple on top of the other sheets), you can glue buttons on, etc.

**Activity 2:** Identify as many 2-D and 3-D shapes around your home as you can with the help of your parents. Find the shapes, draw them and then color the drawings.

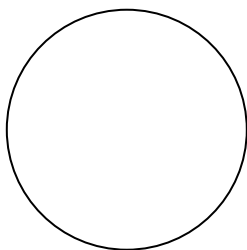
2-D Shapes: circles, squares, triangles, rectangles

3-D Forms: spheres, cubes, cylinders, cones, pyramids



**Materials:**

- No. 2 pencil and crayons
- Drawing paper



**2-D**



**3-D**